

February 9th, 2017

Docket # 160186

Dear Ms. Carlotta Stauffer
Commission Clerk
Public Service Commission
Shumard Oak Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

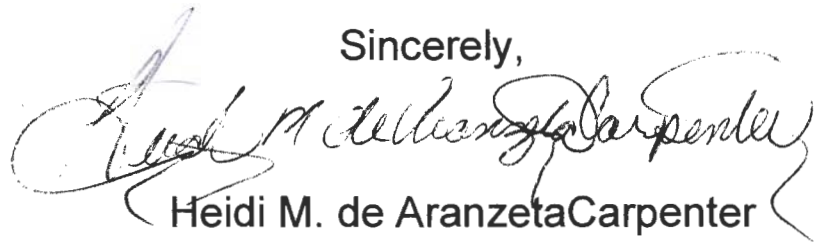
RECEIVED-PPSC
2017 FEB 13 AM 8:42
COMMISSION
CLERK

Dear Ms. Stauffer,

I am writing this letter in regards to Gulf Power wanting to increase our fixed portion of our Electric bill beginning July 1,2017. First, let me tell you a little bit about me. I am on a fixed income. My disability check covers our house hold expences. water, electric, food, insurances, car payment, my medican, Dr visits, and a few other expences. My husband is selfemployed and his income covers our house payment, and his truck payment, and a few other items. My husband and i live a very simple life with an average home. We do not qualify for any Government assistance. So I budget everything that comes out of my money to pay our monthly bills which does not leave much for extras. the little cost of living that I get from Social Security is not much, and in some cases I don't even see a cost of living

increase. So every month I write what we can spend on utilities and we have to stay in that budget. It is not easy to find ways to cut things so you can stay in budget. We use our fireplace in the winter months so we don't go over budget on our electric bill. And in the summer months we try to hold off on using the A/C until it gets so hot that we can't stand it. We set our thermostat on 78 or higher to stay within budget. I don't know how Gulf Power thinks that we as Americans can keep paying these high price hikes and live comfortable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heidi M. de Aranzeta Carpenter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "H" and "M".

Heidi M. de Aranzeta Carpenter

3275 Pleasant Ter.

Crestview, Fl 32539

Mrs. Heidi M. de AranzetaCarpenter
3275 Pleasant Ter
Crestview, Florida 32539

PENSACOLA FL 325

DISTRIBUTION CENTER FEB 2017 PM 1 L

2017 FEB 13 AM 7:09



Ms. Carlotta Stauffer
Commission Clerk
Public Service Commission
Shumard Oak,Blvd
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

32399-085099

